

**POLICE CAPTAIN
STUDY GUIDE**

A written examination for the class of **POLICE CAPTAIN** to be administered in **OPELOUSAS** on **FEBRUARY 02, 2017**, will consist of approximately **104** multiple-choice questions. The examination will test your knowledge in the following subject areas:

SUBJECT AREA/KNOWLEDGE	APPROXIMATE % OF EXAM
POLICE SERVICE MANAGEMENT Knowledge of the principles of effective police service management involving management theory; researching and planning departmental operations; and personnel management, including applicable provisions of civil service law; budgeting; and inventory control.	17.3%
RECORDS/REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE Knowledge of effective records-keeping practices, involving maintaining a suspect file, including photographs, aliases, records of prior offenses, and any known acquaintances of the suspect, and knowledge of effective report preparation procedures, including the compilation, analysis, and organization of data into an effective written format for reports or official correspondence.	7.7%
SUPERVISION Knowledge of the practices and techniques used in effective supervision in order to plan, organize, and direct the work of subordinates; to resolve conflicts; to maintain discipline; and to provide training.	20.2%
PATROL/GENERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT Knowledge of general patrol practices and procedures including methods of patrol, defensive tactics, responding to crimes in progress, field interviews, arrest procedures, the use of firearms, and laws governing these procedures.	17.3%
TRAFFIC CONTROL/TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION Knowledge of accepted procedures for traffic control, vehicle stop tactics and traffic accident investigations, including enforcement of all applicable motor vehicle laws.	11.5%

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION Knowledge of accepted procedures for investigating crimes against persons or property, including identifying elements which constitute the various crimes; identification, collection, and preservation of evidence; search and seizure; interview and interrogation; and applicable laws.	20.0%
SPECIAL TACTICAL OPERATIONS Knowledge of the procedures for conducting special tactical operations such as crowd control situations, bomb threats, and operations during natural disasters or catastrophic events.	5.8%

REFERENCE LIST

While the entire list of reference material will be useful to you in your preparation for the upcoming examination, the **majority** of test questions are sourced from those references listed under the Primary List.

PRIMARY REFERENCE MATERIAL

EFFECTIVE SUPERVISORY PRACTICES/Better Results Through Teamwork, 777 North Capitol, Washington, DC 20005, 4th ed, 2005. (NOTE: May also be obtained through LSU Firemen Training Program).

O'HARA'S FUNDAMENTALS OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, Woods, DeVere D., Charles C. Thomas Publisher (Bannerstone House), 2600 South First Street, Springfield, IL 62794-9265, 8th ed., 2013.

POLICE ADMINISTRATION, Wilson, O. W. and McLauren, Roy C., McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York, N. Y., 5th ed., 1997.

SUPERVISION OF POLICE PERSONNEL, Iannone N. F., Pearson Education, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458, 8th ed., 2014.

LOUISIANA LAW ENFORCEMENT HANDBOOK, Louisiana District Attorneys Association, 1645 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, Available to Law Enforcement Officers through your local District Attorney's Office, 12th ed., 2014.

POLICE FIELD OPERATIONS, Adams, Thomas F., Prentice-Hall, Pearson Education, Inc., Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, 07458, 8th ed., 2014.

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